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## Office Action Summary

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**Examiner**

KIMNHUNG NGUYEN

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 November 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SG/US)  
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)  
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### DETAILED ACTION

1. This application has been examined. The claims 1-20 are pending. The examination results are as following.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-3, 6-10 and 15-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tamura et al. (US 2002/005,7265) in view of Hamlin (US 2004/021,610).

As to claim 1, Tamura et al. disclose in fig. 8, an article comprising: a storage medium comprising machine-readable instructions stored thereon to: execute a software driver (see RAM 512) for a display codec (548), the software driver configured to work with a plurality of display codecs (see [0215]); and transmit digital signals from the display codec to a display using the software driver (see [0213], [0216]). However, Tamura et al. do not disclose a plurality of display codecs remaining in a default configuration. Hamlin discloses in fig. 1, a software driver (see RAM, CPU, ROM, software control logic, see [0027]), and a plurality of display codecs (see displays 121,122,123,124, these displays should have the codes, see [0028]), and these displays remaining in a default configuration (see a mode table 175 is created with default display configuration setting or values that are stored in the media drive, see [0036]).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement a software driver, and a plurality of display codecs in a default configuration as taught by Hamlin into the system of Tamura et al. for producing the claimed invention because this would provide the display state which is stored includes display configuration information for each of the displays in particular display state, and default configuration information entries or values corresponding to detected display state are read from the mode table as per block (see [0036]).

As to claim 2, Tamura et al. disclose further wherein the software driver comprises machine readable instructions to recognize each of a plurality of displays (see display of 110, 512, 514, 516, fig. 8).

As to claim 3, Tamura et al. disclose further wherein the plurality of displays consist of digital displays selected from the group consisting of flat panel, LCD (liquid crystal display) (see fig. 8).

As to claim 6, Tamura et al. disclose further wherein the storage medium receives the digital signals from a wireless transmission device (542, fig. 8).

As to claim 7 is rejected as the same as claim 1.

As to claim 8, Tamura et al. disclose further wherein the software driver is part of a graphics controller (see controller 510) for communicating with the display codec.

As to claim 9, Tamura et al. disclose further wherein the display codec comprises a hardware portion (see display driver IC 100, fig. 5) that communicates with the software driver

such that the graphics controller recognizes each of a plurality of different display codecs at different periods of time (see 0214).

As to claim 10, Tamura et al. disclose further, where the software driver (RAM) comprises a storage medium for the graphics controller known as a universal software driver.

As to claim 15 is rejected as the same as claim 1.

As to claim 16, Tamura et al. disclose further, the graphics controller (510) of claim 15 wherein the software driver comprises a universal software driver (see [0060-0068]).

As to claim 17, Tamura et al. disclose the graphics controller (510) of claim 15 further comprising a storage medium for the software driver that communicates with a display codec, the software driver recognizing each of a plurality of display codecs (see [0214]).

As to claims 18 19 are rejected as the same as claim 17.

4. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tamura et al. (US 2002/0057265) and Hamlin (US 2004/021,610) and in view of Swartz et al. (US 2005/0104899).

Tamura et al. and Hamlin do not disclose the digital signals from cable television outlet. Swartz et al. disclose a display system having the digital signals from cable television outlet (see 0026-0028). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the digital signals from cable television outlet as taught by Swart et al. into the system of Tamura et al. and Hamlin for producing the claimed invention because this would any number and type of well-known digital formats, such as, JPEG, BMP, TIFF, BNC composite, serial digital, parallel digital, RGB, or consumer digital video (see 0027).

5. Claims 5, 11-14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tamura et al. (US 2002/0057265) and Hamlin (US 2004/021,610) and in view of Schulz et al. (US 2005/0155043).

As to claim 5, Tamura et al. and Hamlin do not disclose that wherein the storage medium receives the digital signals from a satellite. Tamura et al. disclose a communication interface from a storage medium such as a satellite transceiver (see 0042). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the storage medium such as a satellite transceiver as taught by Schulz et al. into the system of Tamura et al. and Hamlin for producing the claimed invention because this would the information to the user.

As to claim 11, Tamura et al. disclose in fig. 5, a system comprising a processor (CPU, see 0209); a memory coupled to the processor to support the processor operations; and the memory for network communications; a display (LCD 110) that communicatively couples with the processor through a display codec (548, fig. 8) to display images from image signals that are received at the system in a digital format; and a graphics controller (510) having a software driver (RAM 512) configured to work with display codecs, and the graphics controller being communicatively coupled to the processor (0215). However, Tamura et al. do not disclose an Ethernet card interoperating with the processor, and a plurality of display codecs remaining in a default configuration. Hamlin discloses in fig. 1, a software driver (see RAM, CPU, ROM, software control logic, see [0027]), and a plurality of display codecs (see displays 121,122,123,124, these displays should have the codes, see [0028]), and these displays remaining in a default configuration (see a mode table 175 is created with default display configuration setting or values that are stored in the media drive, see [0036].

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement a software driver, and a plurality of display codecs in a default configuration as taught by Hamlin into the system of Tamura et al. for producing the claimed invention because this would provide the display state which is stored includes display configuration information for each of the displays in particular display state, and default configuration information entries or values corresponding to detected display state are read from the mode table as per block (see [0036]).

Tamura et al. and Hamlin do not disclose an Ethernet card interoperating with the processor.

Schulz et al. disclose in fig. 2, the processor comprises an Ethernet card (22, see 0006). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement the processor comprises an Ethernet card as taught by Schulz et al. into the system of Tamura et al. and Hamlin for producing the claimed invention because this would provide client-server system typically use a network card to communicate data to the server via a computer network (see 0006).

As to claim 12, Tamura et al. disclose further, wherein the software driver comprises a universal software driver (see [0060-0068]).

As to claim 13, Tamura et al. disclose further wherein the display is a digital display.

As to claim 14, Tamura et al. disclose further wherein the display is selected from the group consisting of flat panel, LCD (liquid crystal display, see fig. 8).

As to claim 20, Tamura et al. and Hamlin do not disclose that wherein said emulating replacing the first one of the plurality of display codecs comprises replacing the first of the plurality of display codecs with an SDVO codec. It would have been obvious skill in the art to have the replacing display codecs with an SDVO codec to the claimed invention because Tamura et al. disclose a plurality of other display codecs (see fig. 8).

***Response to Argument***

6. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 filed on 11/18/08 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Correspondence***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to KIMNHUNG NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-7698. The examiner can normally be reached on MON-FRI, FROM 8:30 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Richard Hjerpe can be reached on (571) 272-7691. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.



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